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Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 19, 23, 24, 45, 46, 47 and 48 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Nor of the prior art found by the examiner anticipate or make obvious the claimed;

"passing the first laser beam through a dichroic mirror and reflecting the second laser beam at the dichroic mirror so that the first laser beam and the second laser beam have a same optical axis; passing the first laser beam and the second laser beam having the same optical axis through a cylindrical achromatic lens so that the first laser beam and the second laser beam have a same beam length on a surface of a semiconductor film", as required by Claim 19 and dependent Claims thereof; and

"passing the first laser beam through a first dichroic mirror and reflecting the second laser beam at the first dichroic mirror so that the first laser beam and the second laser beam have a same optical axis; and passing the first laser beam, the second laser beam and the third laser beam having the same optical axis through a cylindrical apochromatic lens so that the first laser beam, the second laser beam and the third laser beam have a same beam length on a surface of a semiconductor film", as required by Claim 24 and dependent Claims thereof.

Since the reference either singly or in combination do not show all elements of the claims, the subject matter of the claims is properly allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ABDULFATTAH MUSTAPHA whose telephone number is (571)272-9736. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thus. (10:00am - 8:30pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Garber can be reached on 571-272-2194. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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